

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 9. (Previously cancelled).

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A continuous process for stabilizing beer which has been brewed and filtered into a main pipeline flow of bright beer, the main flow of bright beer which comprises:

- (a) treating the this main flow of said beer with polyvinyl polypyrrolidone (PVPP), at least 90% by weight of which has a particle size of at least 10 µm, in an amount between 10 and 100 g/hl of said beer, to allow said PVPP to absorb polyphenolic material from said beer,
- (b) continuously centrifuging the said main flow of said thus-treated beer to simultaneously (1) remove at least 95% of the used PVPP therefrom in the form of a viscous concentrate paste or slurry in a beer carrier having a solids content of at least 25% by weight, and (2) to form a separate flow stream consisting of the main flow of stabilized beer,
- (c) then collecting said used PVPP from said slurry by filtration,
- (d) periodically regenerating fresh PVPP from the thus-collected used PVPP by contacting it with alkali and, after washing,
- (e) recycling the regenerated PVPP for reuse in step (a).

Claim 11. (Previously cancelled).

Claim 12. (Previously Amended) A continuous process according to claim 1 wherein said particle size is between 50 and 100 µm.

Claim 13. (Original) A continuous process according to claim 1 wherein said slurry has a solids content of 35 to 40%.